

Our Affiliated Societies.

HAMILTON.—The Hamilton Horticultural Society held its fall exhibition on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8th and 9th, in the new hall, over Oak Hall clothing store. The display made by amateurs was much better than in 1898, and will probably result in a still greater increase in this class of exhibitors at future shows as the members are learning what they have to compete against and many who have hesitated about bringing out really good specimens will not be deterred by the fear of being totally eclipsed.

Mr. Goodall, gardener, Asylum for Insane, and Mr. W. Hunt, gardener for Mrs. John Stuart, Inglewood, made very fine displays of auracarias, palms and other decorative plants "not for competition." The Asylum exhibit of chrysanthemum bloom was especially prominent in the cut flower department. Commercial florists were less numerous than in the preceding autumn, E. G. Brown and Walter Holt being the only exhibitors. Mr. Holt erected a large and beautiful bank of flowering and decorative plants in the centre of the hall. In addition to cut blooms the Messrs. Brown exhibited several flowering specimens of the lately advertised chenille plant, *Acalypha Sanderii*.

Mr. Ogilvie's display of cosmos, sweet peas, gaillardias and other open air annuals would have surprised some of the horticultural journalists across the border who write at long range about the coldness of the Canadian climate.

Mr. Hurd's cauliflowers, averaging about 12 pounds each, were part of a crop of 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons taken off two acres of land.

Mr. W. Hunt, who filled the somewhat trying position of judge, made the following awards:

AMATEURS—HOUSE PLANTS.

- Three plants in flower—R. Grice.
- Specimen plant, any kind—1st, Miss Steele; 2nd, H. Bradt; 3rd, Mrs. W. T. Elliott.
- Two Begonias—1st, Mrs. Caffery; 2nd, H. A. Eager.

AMATEUR—GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

- Four plants in flower—A. Alexander.
- Three palms—J. O. McCullough.
- Six Chrysanthemums, various and named—A. Alexander.
- Display of cut bloom—J. O. McCullough.

PROFESSIONALS.

- Ten Chrysanthemums, various and named—1st, S. Aylett; 2nd, W. Holt.
- Ten Chrysanthemums, single stemmed—S. Aylett.
- Twelve Cut Chrysanthemums, six varieties—1st, E. G. Brown; 2nd, S. Aylett.

Carnation Bloom—1st, E. G. Brown; 2nd, W. Holt.

New or Rare Plants in Flower—E. G. Brown.

FRUIT.

Collection of Grapes grown in open air—1st, J. Gardiner; 2nd, Rev. A. McLaren.

Collection of Apples—W. Wilson.

Collection of Pears—1st, Rev. A. McLaren; 2nd, W. Wilson.

Collection of Cauliflowers—W. Hurd.

LONDON.—The *Advertiser* gives the following notice of a new Horticultural Society that has just been formed in that city: It seems an anomaly that a city so distinguished as London is for the beauty of its tree-lined streets and the lawns and gardens of its residents should be destitute of any organization for the encouragement of flower cultivation. It is satisfactory to know that this condition of things is about to be remedied by the formation of an horticultural society in affiliation with the Fruit-Growers Association of Ontario, and in accordance with the act of the legislature of 1895, authorizing the formation of such societies, and prescribing the regulations by which they are to be governed. At a recent meeting of the Entomological Society the subject was brought forward by Mr. Beall, a delegate sent for the purpose, and a small committee was formed to canvas for members and to arrange for organization if successful. It consisted of Mr. J. A. Balkwill, Rev. Dr. Bethune, Mr. J. H. Bowman and Mr. W. E. Saunders. The act requires that their should be at least fifty members, subscribing \$1 each, and the names had to be obtained by Thursday, 21st, and sent in to the Department of Agriculture. With the assistance of Mr. J. Paine, the committee were entirely successful, and had procured no less than 73 names by that afternoon, and others have been obtained since. By the terms of the act the first meeting for the election of officers and the organization of the society must be held at 7.30 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The lecture-room in the Y. M. C. A. building has been secured, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Each member receives the illustrated monthly magazine, the Canadian Horticulturist, and a share in the semi-annual distributions of bulbs and plants. It is proposed to hold a series of flower shows during the summer, and occasional public meetings, at which addresses will be given on suitable subjects. Anyone wishing to join should apply to any of the above-named gentlemen, who will gladly give all necessary information.

